

# Tips For Your Visit

The best seasons to visit Oxon Hill Farm is winter and the cooler months of spring and fall. During the cooler months, the animals stay close to the fence and can be easily seen. During the warmer months the animals graze in the pastures, find shade to keep cool, and are not often seen during park hours. However, if you do visit the park on a hot day, there are still things to do. Check our schedule for daily programs and special events, explore the historical structures, and take a self guided tour or nature hike. Fall and spring are peak times for school groups, but family groups are welcome to join the programs if space is available. Call ahead for program availability. Groups of five or more require reservations and must be made at least two weeks in advance.

- When you arrive at the park, stop at the Visitor Center Bookstore, where park rangers will greet you and can answer questions.
- While at the park, take frequent breaks—especially with preschoolers. The Visitor Center Bookstore has a great selection of children's books and a children's corner where you will find stories, activities, a hands-on touch table, and farm related games and toys to play with.
- Make sure that you wear comfortable shoes and clothing because your experience at the park will be most enjoyable if you are comfortably dressed.
- It's always a good idea to check the weather forecast before you go in order to prepare accordingly. If it's going to be a warm day you might want to consider bringing drinking water with you.
- Programs take place in the rain except during thunderstorms. Call ahead to see if programs will be taking place on the day of your visit due to the weather.
- Bring your National Park Passport Book if you are collecting cancellation stamps.
- Don't forget your camera. Photos are always a great memento of your park experience, so don't forget your camera and/or binoculars!
- If you are visiting the park with children, it is often helpful to read a book or two with the kids about agriculture, nature, wildlife, and early American History. Reading can get children very excited about their visit and they really can learn a lot, too.
- Remember that all farm animals are domesticated and look friendly and non-threatening. However, please do not pet the animals unless you are participating in a program with a ranger. Also, please don't feed any of the animals or chase any of the naturally roaming animals.

## More Tips to Make Your Visit a Great One:

- Pets (with the exception of guide dogs) are not allowed.
- Camping areas are not available at Oxon Cove Park.
- When hiking, stay on the established trail and watch your footing.
- Food and beverages are not available in the park. There are picnicking areas but are available first come – first served.
- Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and designated trails.